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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NACCFM NEW DELHI MEETING

REF: STATE 64158

1. DCM AND POL COUNSELOR CALLED ON ADDITIONAL
FOREIGN SECRETARY MANZUR CHOUDHURY MARCH 31 AND
WENT OVER POINTS PRESENTED IN PARAGRAPH 12 REFTEL.

2. BANGLADESH DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY PRESIDENTIAL
ADVISOR ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS (READ FOREIGN MINISTER)
PROFESSOR MOHAMMED SHAMSUL HAQ. IT WILL BE HAQ'S FIRST
TRIP ABROAD IN THIS POSITION WHICH HE ASSUMED ON MARCH 25.
CHOUDHURY WILL ACCOMPANY AS WILL PERHAPS SOME OTHERS NOT YET
NAMED. CHOUDHURY WILL BE THE "PRO" OF GROUP AND WE EXPECT
HE WILL BE AMENABLE TO MEETING EMBASSY DELHI OFFICERS
COVERING MEETING.

3. CHOUDHURY NOTED THE POINTS RAISED AND SAID HE WAS
AWARE OF NO EFFORT BY NORTH KOREA TO REVIVE THAT
ISSUE IN NEW DELHI. HE EXPECTED PRINCIPAL DISCUSSION
WOULD BE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST, BUT SAID
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THAT SRI LANKA HAD RAISED QUESTION OF NORTH-SOUTH DIA-
LOGUE AS TOPIC FOR CONSIDERATION. (THIS PRESUMABLY CAME
UP DURING RECENT VISIT OF SRI LANKAN PRESIDENT TO BANGLA-
DESH). CHOUDHURY SAW NO LIKELIHOOD OF PUERTO RICO BEING
BROUGHT UP. HE DID SAY BANGLADESH WELCOMED PRESIDENT
CARTER'S STATEMENTS ON THE INDIAN OCEAN AND THOUGHT
THIS MIGHT BE RAISED BY INDIA AND/OR SRI LANKA AMONG

SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES.

4. CHOUDHURY ALSO NOTED THAT FREQUENCY OF CONFERENCES
IS CAUSING FINANCIAL BURDEN TO COUNTRIES LIKE BANGLADESH
AND SAID THAT THIS IS EVEN MORE SO WHEN THEY ARE HELD
"AT THE END OF THE EARTH" LIKE THE MAR DEL PLATA WATER
MEETING.
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